

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar member having at least
5 one aperture formed therein, said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein
6 intermediate said bottom surface and said planar member, and
7 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
8 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
9 and a bottom surface, said bottom surface having at least one aperture formed therein,
10 said second chamber having a cone atop said bottom surface and spaced inwardly of said
11 second chamber sidewall, said second chamber bottom surface located above said first
12 chamber planar member.

1 2.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 retention means for support thereon of said planar member.

1 3.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member has formed
2 therein a centrally positioned aperture.

1 4.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 which includes a plurality of
2 planar members directly adjacent to each other intermediate said first chamber top edge

3 and said first chamber bottom surface, each of said planar members having at least one
4 aperture formed therein, said planar members being cooperatively adjusted relative to one
5 another to facilitate control of the amount of air passing through said apertures.

1 5.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber sidewall has a
2 flange member, said flange member forming the bottom edge of said sidewall, said flange
3 member telescoping with said top edge of said first chamber.

1 6.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a
2 removable grating placed atop said top edge of said second chamber.

1 7.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has attached
2 thereto a handle.

1 8.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a plurality
2 of supporting members extending downwardly from said second chamber bottom surface
3 into contact with said first chamber planar member.

1 9.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member is removable
2 from said first chamber.

1 10.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 11.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second chambers are
2 cylindrical.

1 12.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar member having at least
5 one aperture formed therein, said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein
6 intermediate said bottom surface and said planar member,
7 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
8 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
9 and a bottom surface, said bottom surface having at least one aperture formed therein,
10 said bottom surface being able to have placed thereon a first fuel source and to have
11 placed below a second fuel source, said second chamber bottom surface located above
12 said first chamber planar member, and
13 a cone, said cone located above said first chamber planar member.

1 13.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is located above said
2 second chamber member bottom surface and spaced inwardly of said second chamber
3 sidewall.

1 14.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is disposed in an
2 intermediate chamber, said intermediate chamber having a top edge and a bottom portion,
3 said bottom portion having a bottom surface, said top edge in contact with said second
4 chamber, said intermediate chamber bottom portion in contact with said first chamber,
5 said cone resting on said intermediate member bottom surface.

1 15.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber has a
2 plurality of supporting members extending downwardly therefrom.

1 16.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 17.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second chambers
2 are cylindrical.

1 18.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber is
2 cylindrical.